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We had quite a few telegrams this morning to digest and answer, especially in connection with the prospects for French ratification of EDC. Since Adenauer, Mayer and Bidault were not able to reach any solution of the Saar question -- and indeed it looks as if Adenauer, for domestic political reasons, does not desire a settlement before the German elections at the end of August or early September -- the chance of a real debate leading to a vote in the French Parliament before the commencement of the summer recess is most improbable. Meanwhile, we must be hopeful that Belgium and Holland will go ahead. There has been more opposition in Belgium than had been anticipated and the matter is going slowly, although Van Zeeland has been stout in his advocacy of early ratification.

E. and I had lunch at the Marigny and later I went across the street and made a few purchases at Neuville.

Guy de Carmoy came to see me this afternoon. He resigned from the OEEC about a year ago and has been writing a book on European integration movements and the necessity for economic, military and political federation by the six countries if they are to compensate for what for most of them would be [redacted] shaky positions in the absence of large amounts of American aid. He gave me some of the chapters to read and I will do this over the week end.

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